AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Currently Amended) A computer-storage medium having computer program instructions stored thereon, the computer program instructions causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, comprising:

compiling a database in which the information is stored, the database comprising a first portion subdivided into first sub-portions and a second portion subdivided into second sub-portions, wherein ~~a plurality of portions, each of the plurality of portions is subdivided into sub-portions in which~~ information is stored in the first sub-portions and second sub-portions;

linking the first sub-portions ~~of each of the plurality of portions of the database to one another~~ in a predetermined sequential arrangement such that, when the information is stored in the first sub-portions, each subsequent sub-portion in the predetermined sequential arrangement contains further information on the topic;

defining primary key expressions, by a compiler, in the information that is stored in selected sub-portions of at least one of the first sub-portions or the second sub-portions;

responsive to receiving a user selection of at least one of the primary key

expressions, using the at least one of the primary key expressions to establish

~~establishing~~ a user-executable navigation link from at least one sub-portion of the

first sub-portions ~~database~~ to a second sub-portion of the second sub-portions,

~~database,~~ the user-executable navigation link permitting a user to navigate from

the at least one sub-portion to the second sub-portion, wherein the second sub-

portion is non-sequential to the at least one sub-portion; and

recording an address in the database of the at least one ~~each~~ sub-portion

from which the user-executable navigation link is made to allow a user to return

to the at least one sub-portion from which the navigation link is made.

4.   (Canceled)

5.   (Currently Amended) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 3,

having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to

execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular

topic, further comprising displaying a view of the at least one sub-portion from

which the navigation link is made, to be displayed in the same format as it was

displayed before the navigation link to the second sub-portion was made.

6.   (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 3,

having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to

execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular

topic, further comprising recording and displaying title information representing each sub-portion from which the navigation link is made.

7.   (Canceled)

8.   (Currently Amended) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim [[7]]3, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, further comprising establishing explanatory notes in which information can be entered by a compiler and for defining secondary key expressions in information that is stored, in use, by a compiler in selected sub-portions of the database and for linking each secondary key expression to a particular associated explanatory note in an arrangement, wherein receiving the selection of a primary key expression from a user causes the associated explanatory note to be displayed.

9.   (Currently Amended) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 8, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, further comprising ~~defining primary key expressions in said explanatory notes and for~~ establishing said navigation link from primary key expressions in said explanatory notes[[,]] to predetermined sub-portions of the database.

10.   (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 8, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, further comprising defining secondary key expressions in selected explanatory notes and for linking each secondary key expression to another explanatory note.

11.   (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 10, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, further comprising establishing default explanatory notes in which information can be entered by a compiler, the program instructions being operable to display the default explanatory note simultaneously with the information in a particular sub-portion of the database.

12.   (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 8, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, the computer-storage medium comprising a feedback component including program instructions permitting any part of the information contained in a sub-portion or explanatory note of the database, to be selected by a user and for the user's selection to be recorded.

13.   (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 8, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, the computer-storage medium comprising a monitoring component including program instructions for recording a user's selection of primary and secondary key expressions.

14.   (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 3, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, further comprising displaying title information representing each sub-portion from which a navigation link is made so as to provide a user with a record of those sub-portions of the database from which navigation links are made.

15.   (Currently Amended) An information management product which comprises:

        a computer-storage medium for storing a database component and a computer program component;

        said database component configured to store information relating to a particular topic, wherein the database component is stored on the computer-storage medium and comprising a <u>first portion subdivided into first sub-portions and a second portion sub-divided into second sub-portions, wherein</u> ~~plurality of portions, each of the plurality of portions are subdivided into sub-portions in~~

~~which~~ information on a particular aspect of the topic is stored <u>in the first sub-portions and the second sub-portions</u>; and

said computer program component configured to manage the information relating to the particular topic stored by the database component, wherein the computer program component is stored on the computer-storage medium and executable by a processor and including program instructions for linking the <u>first</u> sub-portions ~~of the plurality of portions to one another~~ in a predetermined sequential arrangement, wherein the information is stored in the <u>first</u> sub-portions and each subsequent sub-portion <u>of the first sub-portions</u> in the predetermined sequential arrangement contains further information on the topic, wherein the computer program component is further configured to:

<u>define primary key expressions, by a compiler, in the information that is stored in selected sub-portions of at least one of the first sub-portions or the second sub-portions;</u>

<u>responsive to receiving a user selection of at least one of the primary key expressions, use the at least one of the primary key expressions to</u> establish a user-executable navigation link from at least one sub-portion of the <u>first</u> sub-portions to a second sub-portion of the <u>second</u> sub-portions stored in the database component to permit a user to navigate from the at least one sub-portion to the second sub-portion, wherein the second sub-portion is non-sequential to the at least one sub-portion; and

record an address in the database component of <u>the at least one</u>
~~each~~ sub-portion from which a navigation link is made to allow a user to return to
the <u>at least one</u> sub-portion from which the navigation is made.

16-17. (Canceled)

18.   (Currently Amended) A method of compiling a database of information
relating to a particular topic, which includes the steps of:

    compiling a <u>first portion and a second portion</u> ~~plurality of portions~~ of the
database, wherein <u>the first portion is subdivided into first sub-portions and the</u>
<u>second portion is subdivided into second sub-portions;</u>~~each of the plurality of~~
~~portions is subdivided into a plurality of sub-portions;~~

    linking <u>the first sub-portions</u> ~~each of the plurality of sub-portions of each of~~
~~the plurality of portions of the database to one another~~ in a predetermined
sequential arrangement;

    storing the information by inserting the information in the <u>first</u> sub-portions
in an arrangement wherein each subsequent sub-portion contains further
information on the topic than in an immediately preceding sub-portion to which
the subsequent sub-portion is linked;

    <u>defining primary key expressions, by a compiler, in the information that is</u>
<u>stored in selected sub-portions of at least one of the first sub-portions or the</u>
<u>second sub-portions;</u>

responsive to receiving a user selection of at least one of the primary key expressions, using the at least one of the primary key expressions to establish establishing a user-executable navigation link from at least one sub-portion of the plurality of first sub-portions of the database to a second sub-portion of the plurality of sub-portions, second sub-portions to permit a user to navigate from the at least one sub-portion to the second sub-portion, wherein the second sub-portion is non-sequential to the at least one sub-portion; and

recording an address in the database of the at least one each sub-portion from which a navigation link is made and allowing a user to return to the at least one sub-portion from which a navigation link is made.

19.   (Canceled)

20.   (Currently Amended) A method of compiling a database of information as claimed in claim 18, further comprising:

displaying a view of the at least one sub-portion from which the navigation link is made, in the same format as it was displayed before the navigation link to the second another sub-portion was made.

21-28. (Canceled)